

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Steven M. Betker  
Title: **"METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING DEADLOCK IN  
FIBRE CHANNEL FABRICS USING FRAME PRIORITIES"**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir,

To comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and McKesson Information Solutions, Inc. v. Bridge Medical, Inc. *487 F.3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 2007)* ("McKesson decision"), Applicant submits the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant had previously provided a list of co-pending patent applications. Per McKesson, Applicant submits the office actions in the co-pending patent applications, as well as the citations that were considered relevant by the Examiner in such co-pending cases.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Information Disclosure Statement, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 11-1159.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1159 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: April 28, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

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